



The **Stop the Snakehead Fishing Derby** will raise awareness and reduce the negative impact of snakeheads in our ecosystems. Snakeheads have spread beyond the Potomac River and throughout many tidal rivers in the Chesapeake Bay. In 2015 the species was found reproducing in the C&O Canal.

¿Te gusta a pescar? ¡Ven pescar con nosotros el la competencia "Stop the Snakehead": sunfish, perch, y si es possible...snakehead!



Prizes courtesy of Bass Pro Shops



### Purposes of Fishing Derby

1. Raise awareness about snakeheads and other invasive species. *Crear conciencia sobre los snakeheads y otras especies invasivas.*
2. Raise awareness about fish that live in the C&O canal and that could be negatively impacted by snakeheads. *Crear conciencia sobre la existencia de los peces que viven en el Canal de Chesapeake y Ohio que pueden ser impctada por los snakeheads.*
3. Remove any snakeheads that are caught, thus reducing potential impacts to C&O canal fish. *Eliminar los snakeheadsque viven en el Canal de Chesapeake y Ohio.*

### Rules of Fishing Derby

¿Dónde?	Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park, Lock 22, Potomac, MD
¿A que hora?	Junio 3 a las 9:00 am
¿Costo?	¡Es libre de costo!

Se registra para la competencia @ <https://tinyurl.com/kejs8v7>

- Meet at Pennyfield Lock on June 3rd at 9:00 am. Check-in at the staging area. June 3rd is a FREE FISHING DAY (no license required)
- Between 9:00 am and 12:30 pm, anglers can fish anywhere between Swains Lock and Violettes Lock (toward the inside of the floating boundary markers). When a fish is caught, the angler should flag down one of the staff in fluorescent vests. The staff member will measure the fish, record its species, take your name, and send the information to the staging area at Pennyfield Lock. Prizes will be awarded to anglers who catch the biggest fish and most different species. Anglers are encouraged to release the fish except if it's a snakehead.
- If an angler catches a snakehead, then the snakehead should not be released alive. In order to increase the odds that an angler will catch a snakehead, snakeheads may be caught anywhere along the tow path. Staff may assist in taking the snakehead to the staging area and in disposing of the snakehead. The angler is welcome to take the fish home with them to eat. Prizes will be awarded for biggest snakehead caught.

*Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is requested.  
Limited fishing gear may be available to borrow.*



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